Statement

Details of hydro-electric schemes under implementation in North Eastern Region are as under:

Central Sector

Project		Location	Capacity (MW)
1.	Kathalguri (7, 8 & 9)	Assam	90 *
2.	Doyang	Nagaland	75
3.	Agartala	Tripura	84**
4.	Ranganadi	Arunachal Pradesh	405
5.	Kopili-II	Assam	25
		Sub Total	679

* Units 7 & 8 synchronised in March, 1998, Unit 9 is expected to be synchronised in May, 1998.

** All the 4 units of 21 MW each have been synchronised and expected to operate commercially during 1998-99.

State Sector

Project		Location	Capacity (MW)
1.	Nuranang	Arunachal Pradesh	6.0
2.	Dhansiri HEP	Assam	20.0
3.	Lower Borpani	Assam	100.0
4.	Lakwa	Assam	48.0
5.	Namrup	Assam	120.0*
6.	Umiam-Umtru IV	Meghalaya	18.0
7.	Serjui-B	Mizoram	9.0
8.	Likim-Ro	Nagaland	24.0
9.	Rokhim PH-II	Tripura	8.0
10.	Leimakhong	Manipur	36.0
		Sub Total	399.0
		Grand Total	1078.0

* Subject to availability of gas.

Cyclone and Flood Forecasting Centres

682. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the cyclone and flood forecasting centres in various coastal States;

(b) if so, the details of such Centres to be set up in the Ninth Plan period in various coastal States, location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) India Meteorological Department (IMD) issue cyclone warnings through its Cyclone Warning Centres located at Calcutta, Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Mumbai and Ahmedabad. 10 High Power Cyclone Detection Radars are installed along the coastal belt of India covering both east and west coast. These Radars are installed at Calcutta, Paradeep, Visakhapatnam, Machilipatnam, Chennai, Karaikal in the east coast and Cochin, Goa, Mumbai & Bhuj in the west coast of India. During the 9th Plan period, the capacity of the existing Cyclone Warning System is proposed to be augmented by induction of latest state of art technology Doppler Radars. There is no proposal to open a new Cyclone Warning Centre.

Central Water Commission is proposing to establish 3 new flood forecasting centres in Andhra Pradesh and one new flood forecasting centre in Maharashtra.

[Translation]

Forest Conservation Act on Irrigation Schemes in MP

683. SHRI RAMANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation schemes affected in Madhya Pradesh due to Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, district-wise;

(b) the number of schemes sanctioned/rejected by the Government till March 31, 1998, district-wise;

(c) the number of schemes returned by the Government to State with objection, district-wise; and

(d) the number of irrigation schemes under consideration of the Government for approval, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (d) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Privatisation of Services of Freight Terminals

684. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether with a view to improving efficiency and easing cash crunch, Government proposes to take